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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION OF MOTORTRACTORS

1. DOUGLAS H. DUNCAN, SALES COORDINATOR OF ROKON, INCORPORATED, OF KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REGARDING A DECISION BY NEW ZEALAND CUSTOMS TO CLASSIFY ROKON'S MOTORTRACTORS AS MOTORCYCLES UNDER TARIFF NO. 87.09.003 INSTEAD OF AS TRACTORS UNDER TARIFF NO. 87.01. ACCORDING TO DUNCAN, C.H. CAMPBELL, LTD., OF MARTON, NEW ZEALAND, THE IMPORTER OF ROKON MOTORTRACTORS, INFORMED ROKON THAT UNDER THE PRESENT NEW ZEALAND TARIFF CLASSIFICATION, 87.09.003, THE ITEM WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A 26.5 PERCENT IMPORT DUTY PLUS A SALES TAX OF 40 PERCENT WITH AN ADDITIONAL 25 PERCENT UPLIFT ON THE TOTAL. ROKON FEELS THAT THE SALES POTENTIAL OF ITS MOTORTRACTORS IN NEW ZEALAND IS EXCELLENT BUT FEARS THAT

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THE HIGH DUTY RATE, SALES TAX AND THE ADDITIONAL 25 PERCENT LEVY WOULD GREATLY DAMPEN SUCH POTENTIAL.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS THIS TARIFF CLASSIFICATION PROBLEM WITH C.H. CAMPBELL, GOVERNING DIRECTOR OF

C.H. CAMPBELL, LTD., AND WITH THE NEW ZEALAND CUSTOMS

DEPARTMENT. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT CRITERIA WERE USED IN CLASSIFYING THE MOTORTRACTORS UNDER 87.09.003 AND HOW NEW ZEALAND CUSTOMS DIFFERENTIATES BETWEEN MOTORTRACTORS AND MOTORCYCLES.

3. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR SUGGESTIONS THAT WOULD HELP IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE MOST APPROPRIATE ACTION TO TAKE IN THIS MATTER WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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